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TAGS: PFOR, XG, XE, XL, XM, US, UNESCO

SUBJECT: US MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP OF UNESCO

DEPT PASS ALL NATO CAPITALS EXCEPT PARIS

REF: ( A ) STATE 56794; ( B ) NATO 1784; ( C ) MOSCOW 3765;

( D ) STATE 70260

1. ON APRIL 19 DCM MADE REPRESENTATION TO QUAI DEPUTY  
POLITICAL DIRECTOR ARNAUD, DRAWING ON STATE 70260. CITING  
BROAD PATTERN OF INSTITUTIONAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL LINKS  
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BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AND COMMONALITY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS, DCM EMPHASIZED THAT US DECISION TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN GROUP IS LOGICAL COROLLARY OF POSITION OFTEN EXPRESSED BY EUROPEANS THAT US MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE INTEREST/ ROLE IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, ESPECIALLY IN POST- CSCE PERIOD. DCM EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT GOF WILL SUPPORT US EFFORTS TO GAIN FULL ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

2. NOTING THAT HE HAD SEEN REPORT OF DISCUSSION THIS ITEM IN NATO; ARNAUD SAID GOF HAD REVIEWED QUESTION AND CONCLUDED IT COULD NOT SUPPORT US REQUEST FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: ( A) INCLUSION OF US IN ESSENTIALLY EUROPEAN GROUPING WOULD CONTRAVENE DECISION TAKEN IN 1972 BY UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE TO MAINTAIN GEOGRAPHIC INTEGRITY OF THESE GROUPINGS; ( B) ADMISSION OF US WOULD CREATE UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT WHICH MIGHT LATER CAUSE PROBLEMS IF CHINA OR SOVIET UNION, FOR EXAMPLE, ATTEMPTED TO JOIN AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP; ( C) WHILE IT WAS TRUE EUROPEANS WANT CONTINUED US ROLE IN EUROPE, INCLUDING POST- CSCE ARRANGEMENT, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ADMIT US TO UNESCO GROUP WHICH MAY NOT BE GIVEN A POST- CSCE ROLE. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN IN HELSINKI IN THIS SENSE, AND ARNAUD SKEPTICAL THAT CSCE WOULD ASSIGN SUCH RESPONSIBILITY TO A NON- AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL BRANCH OF UNESCO. ARNAUD ADDED THAT ORGANISM SUCH AS UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE MIGHT HAVE A MORE APPROPRIATE ROLE TO PLAY IN POST- CSCE.

3. DCM SAID HE WOULD CONVEY FRENCH POSITION TO WASHINGTON BUT POINTED OUT THAT PRECEDENT ARGUMENT NOTWITHSTANDING, CHINESE OR SOVIET INTERESTS IN AFRICA COULD HARDLY BE EQUATED WITH US INTERESTS IN EUROPE. FURTHER, HE DOUBTED WEST EUROPEANS WOULD CONSIDER THIS A VALID COMPARISON.

4. ARNAUD DID NOT EVEN ALLUDE TO POSSIBLE US PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL GROUP ON OBSERVER BASIS, NOR DID HE IMPLY FRENCH WOULD LOBBY AGAINST US POSITION. HOWEVER, HE LEFT NO DOUBT THAT GOF FIRMLY OPPOSES US BID.

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